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CONTROVERSY STILL SIMMERING

NEWSCASTER: "The controversy over Central Intelligence Agency aid to the National Student Association is still simmering today.

"The current status now from CBS News diplomatic correspondent, Marvin Kalb in Washington.

KALB: "The Presidential Commission, headed by Under Secretary of State Katzenbach, has met informally several times in the past few days in an initial effort, to quote a State Department spokesman, 'to survey, study, and clarify the present situation, and then make suggestions for a sensible future course of action.'

"In addition to Katzenbach, the Committee consists of CIA Director Helms and HEW Secretary Gardner. These three men were swung into action by revelations this past week of CIA involvement with the National Student Association and other student organizations.

"The Committee will probably take months to come up with specific recommendations, but already clear is the belief that some form of blue ribbon commission will have to be set up, composed of members of the Administration, Congress, and the academic world, which will have overall authority to dispense government funds overtly, not covertly, as has been the CIA practice.

"Marvin Kalb, CBS News, at the State Department."

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